

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** blinded at the age of three, Louis Braille expanded a military code for reading at night into a touch-based system of language; and

**WHEREAS,** Braille uses raised dots to represent the letters of the alphabet and enables visually-impaired individuals to read with their fingers; and

**WHEREAS,** the availability of Braille materials, including books for recreational reading and education, reference materials, practice manuals, legal documents, directories, appliance instructions, music scores, hymnals, cards and games, expands opportunities and enriches the lives of the visually impaired.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11 – 16, 2005, as

### BRAILLE WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important contributions Braille makes to an improved quality of life for the blind and visually impaired residents of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**